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Hello. I'd like to comment on the proposed settlement for the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit. I do not feel that the proposal is severe enough.

Previous penalties placed on Microsoft have failed largely due to the pace at which technology changes. I fear that the current proposal is doomed to a similar fate.

In short I feel that the punishment should be much more severe. Here are some ideas I have.

1. Force Microsoft to make its Windows API available to other software makers. That means all of the APIs available to all competitors.
2. As a possible addition to #1, split Microsoft Office into a separate company from Microsoft Windows. This will further level the playing field for competing products.

Here is a link to a website that has a lot of opinions by people who have thought a lot more about this than I have. I encourage you to take time to read their comments as well. <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/>

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments, and those of others. I hope it will help shape a more appropriate settlement for the consumer.

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